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Applicant: Schwabacher *et al.*

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-referenced case. A Notice of Appeal was filed in this case on December 3, 2004. The statutory period for filing an Appeal Brief is two months from the date of filing the Notice of Appeal; therefore, the statutory period for filing an Appeal Brief expired on February 3, 2005. A Petition for Extension of Time for five (5) months is included herewith, extending the time for filing an Appeal Brief to July 3, 2005. In lieu of filing an Appeal Brief, Applicant submits herewith an RCE and this Preliminary Amendment. Applicant thus submits that the RCE and the present Response are timely submitted on June 24, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.